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For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR  
THE THERAPEUTIC USE OF AN ATONAL-  
ASSOCIATED SEQUENCE FOR  
DEAFNESS, OSTEOARTHRITIS AND  
ABNORMAL CELL PROLIFERATION

### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned.

A copy of each reference on PTO/SB/08 is attached.

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